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Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

RE: Reclassifying the Internet under Title II by the Federal Communications Commission – OPPOSE

Dear Commissioners:

As the leading voice of business in California's Orange County on important local, regional and national issues, one of Orange County Business Council's (OCBC) goals is to foster job creation. We recognize that key to creating jobs is to reduce the amount of regulation that businesses face, allowing them to focus resources on job creation and innovation, rather than red tape.

OCBC opposes reclassifying internet services under Title II by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). Reclassification would cause the internet to be regulated like a public utility and subject broadband providers to rules that were designed for different industries and a different era.

Broadband providers have invested over \$1.2 trillion since 1996 in building wired and wireless networks. Any effort by the FCC to regulate the internet as a public utility would slow innovation and curtail private investments, placing the United States at a competitive disadvantage with regards to the global marketplace. **Therefore, OCBC opposes reclassifying internet and broadband services under Title II by the FCC.**

Sincerely,

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